

REMARKS

This is a supplemental response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 4, 2003. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

Claims 6, 25-29, 31, 37 and 43-66 are currently pending in this application, with claims 6, 25 and 49 being independent. No new matter has been added.

Entry of Amendment

According to M.P.E.P. §706.07(e), all amendments filed after the final rejection are ordinarily entered when a final rejection is withdrawn.

Assuming entry of the Second Amendment After Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 filed along herewith, this Third Amendment After Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 *prima facie* places the case in condition for allowance. Alternatively, it places this case in better condition for appeal. Accordingly, entry of this Third Amendment After Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is respectfully requested.

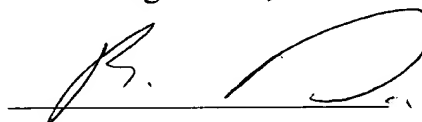
Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the newly presented claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 202-955-8753.

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